

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 47

By COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND TRANSPORTATION

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1 In line 2 of the printed joint resolution, delete “, who passed away in 2007,”.

2 After line 11, insert:

3 “Whereas because U.S. Highway 26 separates critical winter rangelands from irrigated farm
4 fields and a stable water source, mule deer mortality due to collisions between mule deer and vehi-
5 cles appears to be a significant contributor to a decline in mule deer numbers; and

6 “Whereas mule deer mortality is also common along U.S. Highway 395, which runs south from
7 John Day in the Murderers Creek Wildlife Management Unit; and

8 “Whereas since October 2009, 41 mule deer and 2 Rocky Mountain elk have been killed in
9 animal-vehicle collisions along U.S. Highway 26 between John Day and Dayville; and

10 “Whereas since 2000, more than 600 animals, mostly mule deer, were killed on U.S. Highway 26
11 and U.S. Highway 395 in the Murderers Creek and Northside Wildlife Management Units; and

12 “Whereas the South Central Oregon Mule Deer Research Project showed that for every mule
13 deer killed by collision and recovered within the highway right of way, an additional five were
14 struck and died off the highway right of way and were not recovered, indicating that the total mule
15 deer-vehicle collisions could be as high as 1,285 per year, or roughly 20 percent of the end-of-year
16 population estimate for the Murderers Creek mule deer herd; and”.

17 In line 21, delete “collaborate” and insert “work with the Grant County chapter of the Oregon
18 Hunters Association”.

19 In line 22, delete the period and insert “and to locate and place two road signs designating the
20 ‘Raymond Moles Memorial Wildlife Safety Corridor.’”.

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